

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SIMULATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the National Center for Simulation (NCS), headquartered in Orlando, Florida, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Since 1993, NCS's mission has been to "serve as the nation's focal point and as a catalyst for the development, understanding, and advancement of simulation and related technologies; to improve defense readiness and facilitate space exploration; to support education and training initiatives; and to extend useful applications of simulation."

NCS is a consortium that facilitates collaboration and networking among its local, national and international membership. Home to acquisition commands for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, the University of Central Florida, the Air Force Agency for Modeling Simulation and over 150 industry companies, Orlando is a focal point for cooperative and collaborative efforts across diverse fields.

NCS fosters relationships between these varied communities to help disperse resources and innovations in modeling, simulation and training to those industries which may benefit from the knowledge. These relationships result in new understandings in fields such as health care, transportation, entertainment or even military readiness. In addition, their advancements support our workforce and business development, as well as growth in education.

As membership continues to grow and strengthen bonds across diverse communities, I would like to congratulate NCS on its successes and advancements thus far, and trust NCS will continue to provide us with the latest ideas and efforts in simulation, modeling and training.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL DARREN HALL

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Lieutenant Colonel Darren Hall, United States Air Force for his 21 years of service to our nation and to congratulate him on his announced retirement.

Lieutenant Colonel Darren Hall is the Joint Staff/J-4, Deputy Chief of the Distribution Division and is responsible for shepherding programs related to air mobility through the Joint Capability Integration Development System (JCIDS) and providing inputs on all current,

planned, and potential mobility platforms across the Department of Defense. Lt. Col. Hall also serves as the J-4 representative in the National Military Command Center during exercises and crisis/contingency operations.

Having received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993, Lt. Col. Hall has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions at the wing, major command, and air staff level. Additionally, he is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the C-21A, KC-135R, T-1A, and T-37.

During his service to our nation, Darren has received multiple awards and decorations including: the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Darren is married to Sophia and they are the proud parents of Cord, Michael, Xavier, Cameron, and Maxwell. Lt. Col. Hall's hometown is Newport News, Virginia, and I am proud to say that Darren and his family have chosen Bristow, Virginia, as their new home.

XAVIER CORRAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Xavier Corral for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Xavier Corral is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Xavier Corral is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Xavier Corral for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DR. KANT TUCKER AND DR. IRMA HARRIMAN'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dr. Kant Tucker and

Dr. Irma Harriman on the special occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Tucker, who was born in Mumbai, moved to the United States in 1975 with just eight dollars in his pocket, a plane ticket that was purchased by his siblings and a bag of clothes. Unaware of the trials and tribulations that lay ahead, Dr. Tucker was determined to make a living and stay true to his humble beginnings.

During his first months in the United States, Dr. Tucker struggled to earn a living. He was hired as a dishwasher at a fast food chain for only a short time before he was let go. The owners believed that he was a short term employee because he was a medical school graduate.

He continued his search for a career as a doctor, hoping that he would find a hospital that would accept him as an intern. On one occasion, Dr. Tucker was on his way to St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx to interview for an internship when he was mugged at gunpoint causing him to miss his appointment. Although discouraged and disappointed, Dr. Tucker went back to the hospital for a second interview, where he was later offered an internship. From there, Dr. Tucker went on to complete a residency in Jersey City and then to research positions at hospitals in New York and California.

During the course of Dr. Tucker's career, he was also able to find love. In the early 1980s, Dr. Tucker was an assistant professor of nephrology at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where he met Irma Harriman. Seven years after Irma Harriman became his partner in his Simi Valley practice, they married.

In Dr. Tucker, Dr. Harriman saw the same determination and idealism that she saw in herself and related to the same barriers that she, too, had faced. The pair symbolized hard work and determination. Despite the adversity that both Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman faced, they remained persistent in their pursuit of success, always remaining true to their upbringing.

Today, Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman operate nine dialysis centers throughout Southern California. Currently living across the Santa Susana Pass, Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman never forget the experiences, people, and opportunities that shaped their lives.

I want to sincerely thank Dr. Tucker and Dr. Harriman for their generosity and commitment to our community and wish them all the best upon the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. I applaud the love and support they have both provided each other over the years, and I know that there are many more memories to be made.

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COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JOHN L. MURRAY, U.S. ARMY
CONTRACTING COMMAND

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and applaud the achievements of Command Sergeant Major John L. Murray of the U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC). Headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, ACC includes more than 6,100 military and civilian employees across the globe that provide support to our war fighters by acquiring equipment, supplies, and services vital to our Soldiers' mission and daily needs. Command Sergeant Major Murray will soon retire after more than 35 years of distinguished service to America's Army. He has served with distinction at virtually every level in the Army—from team chief to command sergeant major, the Army's highest enlisted grade. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, initiative and selfless service in the execution of programs supporting the total force of quality Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Command Sergeant Major Murray began his Army career in 1979 as a radio operator, completing initial entry and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Before joining Army Contracting Command Headquarters at Redstone Arsenal in December 2011, Command Sergeant Major Murray was the Command Sergeant Major for the Expeditionary Contracting Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He previously served as Commandant of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort Gordon, Georgia. A former drill sergeant, Command Sergeant Major Murray has served with distinction in a number of critical assignments while deployed to over 20 countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Korea, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. He spent more than five years in Southwest Asia in support of Operations Southern Watch, Desert Storm, Desert Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom with the Joint Communication Support Element MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, the 10th Mountain Division, the 11th Signal Brigade and the 160th Signal Brigade.

While his career accomplishments are many and significant, I wish to highlight Command Sergeant Major Murray's contributions to the establishment of the Army Contracting Command on March 13, 2008. He was one of several key Army leaders who worked tirelessly to create a new major subordinate command from the ground up in record time. His wisdom, insight and vision were essential elements in building the foundation of a global enterprise that awarded and managed more than 190,000 contractual actions valued at more than \$60.9 billion in fiscal year 2013.

Command Sergeant Major Murray also played an important role in the relocation of ACC Headquarters from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to Redstone Arsenal in 2011. This move followed the transfer of ACC's parent command, Army Materiel Command (AMC) Headquarters, to Redstone Arsenal from Fort Belvoir, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision in 2005.

While AMC had several years to plan for and transition to its new Alabama home, ACC completed its relocation in less than 18 months. This tremendous accomplishment was a direct result of Command Sergeant Major Murray's inspired leadership, foresight and team-building skills.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Command Sergeant Major Murray's wife, Ingrid, for supporting her husband and Army families. She served as the Family Readiness Group leader for the 11th Signal Brigade and Signal Corps Regimental Non Commissioned Officer Academy. She has also served as a senior spouse advisor and mentor for other Family Readiness Groups and the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Even the youngest member of the Murray family, John, Jr., was recognized by the Army Surgeon General for encouraging Army family members to "Ask for Help" when contemplating suicide.

The distinctive accomplishments of Command Sergeant Major Murray represent a long and distinguished career in the service of his country and reflect great credit upon himself, Army Contracting Command and the United States Army. We wish Command Sergeant Major Murray, Ingrid and John Jr., all the best in the years ahead.

TIA FRANK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tia Frank for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tia Frank is an 11th grader at HOPE House and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tia Frank is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tia Frank for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Slippery Rock University on celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

In 1887, the citizens of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania saw the need for affordable and accessible higher education in their commu-

nity. In less than 18 months, Slippery Rock raised funds, acquired land, erected buildings and gained approval to be a state normal school. Slippery Rock State Normal School opened its doors on March 26, 1889 to its first class of 168 students with its "ultimate object . . . to make the student, as far as possible, an educator." The Norman School became Slippery Rock State Teachers College after it was purchased by the Commonwealth in 1926. In 1960, it was renamed Slippery Rock College and was granted university status in 1983 to become Slippery Rock University.

Today, Slippery Rock University offers a broad array of undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 8,000 students. The University is a recognized leader in evidence-based planning and decision making. The approximately 80,000 alumni have served in occupations across the spectrum. Slippery Rock University has consistently been recognized not only as one of the best universities in the Northeast but also as a great place to work. Shaped by its normal school heritage, Slippery Rock University is characterized by its commitment to intellectual development, leadership, and civic responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, in light of Slippery Rock University's 125th anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join with me today in recognizing its educational leadership in Pennsylvania for more than a century.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE MANUFACTURING EXPO AND CONGRATULATING THIS YEAR'S INDUSTRY HONOREES

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Oakton Community College, in partnership with NSERVE and with the support of the Tooling and Manufacturing Association, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, North Shore Community Bank and more than 50 local manufacturers, for hosting the 2014 Manufacturing Expo in the suburban Chicago district I represent.

The Expo includes workshops, speakers and student tours of local manufacturers offering young people the opportunity to learn more about American manufacturing and available careers. Since 2008, nearly 2,000 students have benefited from these experiences.

The 2014 Expo is also honoring some of its most outstanding industry partners for demonstrating a true commitment to serving young people and to ensuring our future economic and manufacturing success.

It is my honor to congratulate Terry Iverson of Iverson and Company; John Winzeler of Winzeler Gear; John Rubco of Woodward; and Mark Glennerster and Tara Kandra of John Crane, this year's award recipients.

Since 2008, countless manufacturers have generously opened their doors and welcomed curious students, making these education/business partnerships possible. I am grateful for their excellence and participation. I would also like to recognize all the participating high schools, with Oakton Community College, for

their dedication to providing the next generation with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in the 21st Century.

The 2014 Manufacturing Expo is poised to be the most successful to date, and I am so proud that these partnerships are happening in and around the Tenth District.

WILLIAM GRASER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud William Graser for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. William Graser is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by William Graser is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to William Graser for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. PEARL RILEY

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mrs. Pearl Riley and I join her family members and friends on April 6, 2014, in commemorating this special centenarian birthday.

Pearl was born on April 6, 1914, and raised in Alsuma, Oklahoma, a suburb of Tulsa. Pearl and her husband, the late Alonzo Riley, Sr. were married for 50 years and raised eight children. She is the grandmother of twenty two; great grandmother of thirty nine; and great, great grandmother of fourteen. One of Pearl's great loves in life, in addition to her family and gardening, was the church. Throughout her life, she was a regular teacher of both children and adults in Sunday school, drama, arts and crafts, and choir. She also served as her church's President of the District Missionary Society and was a member of the Deaconess and Mother's Board. Outside the church, Pearl was an active member of her community working as a volunteer for voter registration and serving as a community representative.

Pearl Riley has led an outstanding life, highlighted by her love of family and service to her community. I wish her many more years of health and happiness.

INVISIBLE FAMILY

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, the following speech has been delivered to audiences at various veteran service organizations and veteran events in Kansas by a brave young lady named Kristin Stowers who lives in the Big 1st District of Kansas that I represent. After hearing twelve year old Kristin Stowers deliver her remarks on her family's experience with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, I wanted to share it with my colleagues in Congress. We could all learn a tremendous amount about sacrifice, commitment, and perseverance from this young lady's remarks.

INVISIBLE FAMILY

(By Kristin Stowers of Hutchinson, Kansas)

It is hard to realize that these amazing people that gave up their lives to save and protect our nation and its people are gone. . . . It makes you see that life is not just a fairy tale ending that we were taught as children, we were taught that it was going to be okay in the end. We now realize you can't win every battle you enter. Some don't make it home to their families, but you have to say to yourself. We were put to the test to complete life a way that we see fit and once you have completed your mission, you wait patiently in your favorite place that you have always found comfortable. Where you wait to see your family that has not yet completed their missions. I know it is hard to coop with what you are going through I had to deal with it, but in a different way.

My mother had a brain tumor and had to have surgery on my first day of kindergarten and had a stroke later on. Our house caught on fire in my fourth grade year and we had to live in a hotel for three months. My father was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and we as a family have to deal with the others sufferings each day. In the last few months we have discovered many other things have gone wrong in our relationship with each other causing more pain than intended. We have not gotten the chance to talk to each other about our problems at home and since the VA does not implement family counseling in their facilities, but they do have spouse counseling. Having said that, I would like to say that the injuries affect the whole family not just the spouse.

PTSD is like a black hole, you get sucked in without even knowing what is happening around you. Your hoping that tomorrow will be better than today, but still hoping that when you come from school or work that the stress has not overcome them and they are laying in their chair. . . . Silent. . . . Dead. With the help of the VA it is still progressing, but still worse than before. It makes me think that he is floating away in a bubble, but God will not leave him without a fight. To this day he is in a battle with PTSD and the prize of the battle is him and us. . . . His family and friends. We are hoping that he wins, but you never know what the outcome will be. That is why we are all here. Every person in the world with PTSD is in a battle. Some lost and some still lead victorious and I trust him to be victorious.

All I ever wanted is for the pain to end and many of you may be thinking the same thing, and I know this is over used but it will

heal with time. I will promise you that it will get better even if it doesn't look like it. Just think they want you to carry on with your life even if it is looking grim at the moment. It takes guts to take that chance that you will never see your smiling family that on the inside is torn from your choices, but know that they are the right ones.

It makes me realize that I will not have a perfect life and no one ever will with our missions, and the people that finish theirs when you're not ready to let go of the memories that you had together. The memories that will and have impacted your world and will leave a crater that you have to live with and have to move on even if you can't. The thoughts and the people will ever be imprinted in our minds and will never leave because the pain will always be demanding. People always think that war is just a thing that can be stopped on the spot, but they don't know the aftershock of the explosion that is a death or an injury that is fatal.

The people that saved us from ourselves and different countries that are or was threatening us. They saved us and our nation from danger and the problems of life. Heroes and Inspirations are these people that risked their own life to save the people that are going to change a million lives or just a few. Humans like this are my inspiration and I hope to be just like them; they changed a thousand people; a thousand points of views on life; and a twelve year old girl that is striving to be an inspiration just like them later on in life.

Many young people have their favorite bands and/or actors as their people to look up too, and sure I have my own but I have many leaders in my life some I can't name but they changed my life no matter what they did to protect me, my family, and my neighbors. They will be remembered as the ones that grew up as the kids that were big hearted and the ones that were strong and brave. The reason we are here is these people wanted to save us and that is what they did and they bought us time.

Time to spend thinking of ways to buy us more time. These warriors spent their lives saving their family and friends and their generations and so on. These are the people that are my heroes and my saviors at the time of need and always will be.

STEPHANIE MCDANIEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie McDaniel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stephanie McDaniel is an 11th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stephanie McDaniel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stephanie McDaniel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN ILLINOIS'S TENTH DISTRICT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) for its outstanding commitment to training and education in the advanced manufacturing industry in the district I represent and across the country.

Since 1925, the TMA Training & Education program has served as a valued source of employee learning and development for member companies. TMA training has experienced a significant resurgence.

Its Related Theory Apprentice Training program has been assisting member companies in training their apprentices for more than 70 years, and is one of the largest, most recognized precision metalworking apprenticeship programs in the United States.

Remarkably, enrollment in this program has more than quadrupled in the last three years. TMA has also expanded its curriculum to include the latest advancements and, for the first time since 1925, incorporates hands-on training.

The Fred W. Buhrke Training Center in Arlington Heights trains in the programming, set-up and operation of new, state-of-the-art computer numerical control (CNC) machines. More than 100 students have completed CNC training with TMA and can now earn nationally-recognized, stackable credentials.

TMA continues to partner with local organizations to expand training and work hand-in-hand to help bridge our skills gap and ensure our future success in advanced manufacturing.

I personally thank TMA for all it does to support advanced manufacturing and to expand economic opportunities throughout our communities and in the Tenth District.

HONORING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Autism Awareness Month, a special opportunity to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism and to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Autism is a developmental disorder that by some estimates affects 1 in 88 children age 8. These rates mark dramatic increases from just

decades ago, and I believe it is vital that more research be done to investigate the causes of autism and to determine prevention tactics, as well as treatments and possible cures for people already afflicted. As a member of the Congressional Coalition on Autism Research and Education, I have long supported increased funding for medical research to combat this unfortunate condition.

I would also like to recognize Rising Tide, which will celebrate its first anniversary on April 1. Rising Tide embodies the spirit of National Autism Awareness Month. Founded by John D'Eri and his son Thomas to create a supportive environment for Thomas' autistic brother Andrew, Rising Tide is a carwash that employs forty-three men and women with autism. The mission of this company is to empower autistic individuals and inspire communities to redefine their perception of the capabilities that people with autism have. Rising Tide is the largest single store retail employer of individuals with autism in the United States.

I am proud to recognize National Autism Awareness Month and the hard work that advocacy groups are doing in communities across the country to increase autism awareness in our community and make the world a better place for individuals with this diversity.

REMEMBERING ASHLEY EARL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness to mourn the death of Peace Corps volunteer Ashley Earl. Ashley passed away on Saturday, March 8, in her beloved host community of Oshakati, Namibia.

As a community health volunteer, Ashley worked tirelessly for the health and well-being of the residents of Oshakati, a community she was proud to be a part of. Working with Catholic AIDS Action, she coordinated after-school programs for youth in the local area. Those who worked with her say she "cared deeply for her students, and taught them to show respect for others as well as respect for themselves."

Ashley's time as a volunteer in the Peace Corps was just one component of her legacy of service. Prior to joining, she served six years in the Army Reserve and worked for a variety of social service organizations on behalf of women, children, and veterans.

At the beginning of her Peace Corps service, Ashley wrote, "I am hoping that I will be able to instill or inspire positive change in the community I will be working with." I can say with confidence that Ashley not only instilled and inspired positive change in the community of Oshakati, but also in those who encountered her. We all have much to learn from her heart for service and passion for life.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness, and even greater admiration that we remember the legacy of Ashley Earl. Our hearts go out to her parents, Phyllis and Lee Lundquist, and her sister, Stacy Earl.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EDWARD ZALOGA AND HIS SERVICE TO THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Edward J. Zaloga, who on March 22, 2014, retired from his position as the 136th President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society. Since his graduation from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Zaloga has used his training and expertise to improve the state of health care in Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1878, the Lackawanna County Medical Society works to foster excellence in medical care, act as an advocate for physicians and their patients, and represent physicians to the entire community. Taking an active role in the health of the local community, Lackawanna County Medical Society holds an annual "Health Fair in the Park" that offers health screenings and benefits to county residents free of charge. Physicians of Lackawanna County Medical Society joined together to establish the Leahy Clinic for Uninsured at the University of Scranton, which provides crucial health care for local residents who cannot afford insurance.

Through his continued involvement with the Lackawanna County Medical Society, Dr. Zaloga has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his community. He served as a strong advocate for patients and his fellow physicians as a delegate to the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and as the Society's chief spokesperson on patient rights and quality of care issues. Throughout his career, Dr. Zaloga pushed the medical community to provide quality, cost-effective health care to the citizens of Lackawanna County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I am proud to congratulate Dr. Zaloga on his many achievements during his career, and I thank him for his dedication to improving health care in Lackawanna County. He has done a great service for the health care professionals, the uninsured, and all those who need health care in the Lackawanna community.

SOLEDAD SIERRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Soledad Sierra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Soledad Sierra is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Soledad Sierra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Soledad Sierra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY PHARMACY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Howard University Pharmacy Alumni Association on 55 years of service to the Howard University College of Pharmacy and to the profession of pharmacy.

Pharmacy education is an essential part of the core curriculum at Howard University. Since its establishment, Howard University has consistently educated diverse, culturally competent and thoughtful pharmacists. In fact, one of Howard University's earliest graduates earned a Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy, and started the legacy of service and excellence that has defined subsequent generations of graduates.

The College of Pharmacy's graduates work tirelessly to address existing and emerging health care concerns, including health care disparities along racial and economic lines. However, their call to serve extends well beyond the clinical and beyond the confines of their profession. For 55 years, the Pharmacy Alumni Association has served as one of the most effective advocates for the school and its students. Through its efforts, countless students have received scholarships and mentoring that enabled and empowered them to join this noble profession.

I ask the House to join me in celebrating the Pharmacy Alumni Association's 55th anniversary, and I wish the Howard University Pharmacy Alumni Association many more years of success as they continue to provide financial and networking opportunities to the next generation of pharmacists.

HONORING ABDULLAHI CHARIF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Abdullahi Charif, a 12-year-old boy who tragically lost his life on March 1st, 2014, as a result of an accident that occurred while swimming during a physical education class at school.

Abdullahi lived a short life but he made a significant impact on his family and community. He was a bright and promising young man who enjoyed life. We must cherish the gifts and lessons he provided to his family and friends during his short time.

The tragic loss of Abdullahi should serve as a reminder that pool procedures in schools must be evaluated and held to the highest standards of safety. We must do all we can to avoid tragedies like this from occurring again.

I offer my condolences to his family and community in this time of loss.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Abdullahi Charif.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congregation Ahavas Achim in Highland Park, New Jersey as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary this year. Since its incorporation in 1889, Congregation Ahavas Achim has provided a spiritual center for prayer, education and community to Middlesex County residents.

Upon its incorporation, Congregation Ahavas Achim began humbly, meeting in members' homes or rented stores in New Brunswick. Over the next several years, it grew, purchasing land and a building and continued to enlarge and remodel to meet the needs of a growing membership. Congregation Ahavas Achim relocated to Highland Park in 1987 and its new building was dedicated in 1989. The synagogue expanded once again and was re-dedicated in 2010.

Congregation Ahavas Achim is a Torah-observant congregation and member congregation of the Orthodox Union. It is open to Jews of all backgrounds and strives to include all members in synagogue life.

Over the years, Congregation Ahavas Achim has been led by Rabbi Israel Marcus, Rabbi Samuel Baskin, Rabbi Abraham Shapiro and Rabbi Ronald L. Schwarzberg. After serving as Assistant Rabbi, Interim Rabbi and Program Director, Rabbi Steven Miodownik became Rabbi of the congregation in 2006 and continues to provide spiritual leadership and guidance today. In addition to the Rabbi, the officers, staff and members of Congregation Ahavas Achim endeavor to carry on its mission and commit to a Halakhic life.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating Congregation Ahavas Achim as its members and supporters gather to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on March 30, 2014 and honor Marcia and Barry Levinson and Jennie and Josh Fine. Congregation Ahavas Achim and the esteemed honorees and guests of honor are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

WILSON MANTILLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wilson Mantilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Wilson Mantilla is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Wilson Mantilla is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wilson Mantilla for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,546,932,628,558.05. We've added \$6,920,055,579,644.97 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 13 and 14, 2014 I joined Admiral Mike Connor, Commander of US Submarine Forces, on a visit to the USS *Missouri* to see firsthand the operations of a Virginia Class Submarine and missed several recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 129, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3973 with instructions;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 130, on agreeing to the Polis of Colorado Part A Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 3973;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 131, on the motion to recommit H.R. 3189 with instructions; "No" on rollcall No. 132, on passage of H.R. 3189;

"No" on rollcall No. 133, on the motion to table H. Res. 517;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 134, on the motion to recommit H.R. 4015 with instructions;

"No" on rollcall No. 135, on passage of H.R. 4015.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND RANDALL TREGO

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has put God and others above himself. The Reverend Randall Trego has been a blessing to The Woodlands through his ministry. As chaplain at St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital for the past 11 years, Rev. Trego has helped families heal. Since

the hospital's opening in 2003, patients, staff, and families have all relied on Rev. Trego for loving, spiritual guidance.

Rev. Trego began his service at St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital with four volunteers as part of his pastoral care team. Today those same individuals have been joined by 19 other spiritual caregivers. St. Luke's volunteer chaplains come from all faiths and are available to all patients, employees, doctors, nurses, and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2004, Rev. Trego, began what has become known as the "feelie heart" ministry. Inspired by another's story, the Reverend encouraged his team to make small fabric hearts to give to those who needed encouragement. With love, the team initially made 50 hearts to give away. To date, nearly 30,000 hearts have been hand made by volunteers, organizations and even the families of prior patients. The hearts have become so important to patients that those having surgery have their feelie heart pinned to the underside of their gurney for reassurance.

This week Rev. Trego is retiring, but not before performing his last Blessing of the Hands ceremony on Tuesday, March 25. Annually, the Reverend has offered this ceremonial washing, drying, and anointing of hands in service to others. Over 2,000 individuals have participated in these ceremonies that serve as a reminder of God's healing power and compassion. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this special day.

It can't be overstated what a tremendously important part of the fabric of St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital that Rev. Trego has become. He truly embodies St. Luke's motto of "Faithful, Loving Care." As the St. Luke's family honors him this week and receive their Blessings from him, they reflect on how they have been blessed by this man's faith, compassion, and dedication. Bless you, Rev. Trego. Your retirement is well earned.

TIMMY RITTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Timmy Ritter for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Timmy Ritter is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Timmy Ritter is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Timmy Ritter for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
LEONARD KRAVITZ

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Private First Class Leonard Kravitz, who gave his life during the Korean War in an extraordinary act of heroism and posthumously received the Medal of Honor on March 18, 2014. PFC Leonard Kravitz fought valiantly to protect our country and rightfully deserves our recognition and admiration.

I am proud to represent a district that is home to such a large number of veterans, and I feel tremendous gratitude to the heroes of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and to the new generation of veterans from the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. My father, Bernard Deutch, volunteered to fight in World War II as a teenager where he earned a Purple Heart at the Battle of the Bulge. It was his example of service to our nation that motivated me to serve in Congress.

PFC Leonard Kravitz sacrificed himself for his platoon when he took over a machine gun, fired into an ambush of Communist forces, and stayed behind so that his fellow soldiers could withdraw safely. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for his sacrifice. PFC Leonard Kravitz was also recommended for the Medal of Honor, but he never received it due to widespread prejudice in the military against Jewish and other minority servicemembers. His childhood friend, Mitch Libman, a resident of South Florida, worked tirelessly for decades to ensure that the courageous sacrifice of his dear friend would not go unnoticed. This heartfelt act of advocacy led to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 and H.R. 3304, a bill that I introduced, which ensures the recognition of all soldiers who never received the Medals of Honor they deserved.

In this era of partisan vitriol and gridlock in Washington, our leaders can always look to veterans as an example of how individuals from all walks of life can put their differences aside in order to accomplish great things. PFC Leonard Kravitz has finally been recognized as the hero he is, and his friend Mitch Libman reminds us of the duty we all have to ensure that no soldier becomes a forgotten hero. I urge every citizen of this great country to live by their examples.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S CHIEF
DIPLOMAT TO THE UNITED
STATES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with the other co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus—Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART, Representative ALBIO SIREs, and Representative JOHN CARTER—to recognize the service of Taiwan's chief diplomat to the United States, Representative Pu-tsung King. During his tenure in our nation's capital, Representative King was an invaluable resource

and dear friend to the Taiwan Caucus. We congratulate him on his next assignment as Secretary General of National Security Council for the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Representative King earned a Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts in Communications from Texas Tech University. During his recent tenure, Representative King worked to resume negotiations for the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), turning a new page in trade relations between Taiwan and the United States. He and his team also worked toward passage of a bill which called for Taiwan to be granted observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization. President Obama signed the bill into law in July 2013.

As co-chairs of the Taiwan Caucus, we would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the upcoming 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). The legislation established direct relations between Washington, DC, and Taipei. The 35th anniversary represents an important milestone in our long-standing relationship with Taiwan, serving as the foundation for our bilateral economic, security, and trade relations.

In closing, we congratulate Representative King and on his successful tenure as Taiwan's top diplomat in the United States. We look forward to working with him in his new capacity and to his enduring friendship.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST
IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise to recognize the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) on thirty years of fighting for the rights of immigrants and refugees in my home state of Washington. With four offices throughout the state, the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project has protected the well-being of tens of thousands of immigrants throughout its history.

The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project was founded in 1984 as a non-profit legal services organization serving Central American refugees. Since that time, it has expanded to serve individuals and families from more than 100 countries around the world, and added educational and public policy work to its efforts. This level of excellence can be seen in NWIRP's innovative weekly legal clinics on the Deferred Action Program, which have been a vital resource for immigrant youth in our state.

Our nation needs more advocates for the rights of immigrants and refugees, and I am proud that an organization in Washington state is setting such a fine example. I am confident that the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project will be a strong voice on these issues for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project on a fantastic thirty years. Their work is of incredible value and I wish them well in the future.

TAYLOR NATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Nation for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Taylor Nation is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Nation is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Taylor Nation for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 115TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 115th anniversary of San Francisco State University. The San Francisco State Normal School, a small women's-only teaching academy, opened its doors in March 1899. With a \$10,000 stipend from the State Legislature, the school rented a building on Powell Street and offered free tuition. The first graduating class was made up of just 36 women with the motto *Experientia docet*—"Experience teaches."

During the 1906 earthquake, the SF State Normal School was destroyed. Relocating at a new site on Market Street, SF State Normal School was the first public school to re-open after the destruction of the earthquake. In 1921, SF State Normal School changed its name to San Francisco Teachers' College and received authorization to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree.

In the 1930s, the college chose the colors purple and gold. With sports becoming more popular at SF State, the student newspaper, "Bay Leaf," called for the school to adopt a mascot. A reader proposed the alligator because "it is strong, and we hope our teams have strength."

In 1935, SF State Teachers College changed its name to San Francisco State College. The influx of returning WWII veterans swelled the student population from 1,117 in 1945 to 4,390 in 1950. To accommodate the growing number of students, 56 acres of land near Lake Merced was purchased to replace the cramped and aging campus.

During the 60s, SF State became the center of student activism. When the House Un-American Activities Committee met in San Francisco, students from SF State dem-

onstrated and disrupted the Committee's hearings in City Hall. The students were fire-hosed down the steps and arrested. Student sit-ins at the Administration Building protested racial discrimination, the Vietnam War, and the draft, pressing for campus reform.

Events came to a head in 1968, with the beginning of the longest campus strike in the nation's history. This five-month event defined the University's core values of equality and social justice, laying the groundwork for establishment of the only College of Ethnic Studies in the United States.

In 1972, San Francisco State College briefly changed its name to California State University, San Francisco. The name changed when Governor Ronald Reagan signed a measure officially changing the name to San Francisco State University in 1974.

In the 80s, SF State became the first major university to select a President of Chinese-American heritage. President Chia-Wei Woo is a symbol of SF State's continual progressive attitude that has represented the larger San Francisco community. By the millennium, SF State garnered a reputation for having several prestigious educational programs, with some of the finest trained faculty in the world.

Robert A. Corrigan served as the 12th president of San Francisco State University from September 1988 to July 2012. President Corrigan became one of the longest-serving university presidents in the education system of the United States. Under his direction, SF State developed into a respected institution with the highest ranking in the nation for the number of international students at a comprehensive university. Under President Corrigan's leadership, SF State increased its grant funding. The campus had just \$9 million in federal research grants and contracts when he first arrived, but by the time he left, SF State had \$53 million. SF State also expanded its campus with the creation of the downtown campus at Westfield San Francisco Centre mall. I had the privilege of working with President Corrigan during my tenure in Congress and he has left a lasting legacy.

Leslie E. Wong joined San Francisco State University as its 13th president in August of 2012. He now oversees one of the nation's premier urban comprehensive universities. President Wong has hit the ground running and is frequently seen on campus cheering on student athletes, academic competitors and performers. He endowed the Leslie and Phyllis Wong Scholarship as a cornerstone of the campus-wide Students First Scholarship Campaign. Having partnered with President Wong on numerous campus events and activities, I know President Wong will continue to lead SF State into a prosperous future.

Veterans make up a good portion of the student population at the university. SF State has stayed true to its commitment in helping active duty members and veterans of military service attain their educational goals. On November 10, 2010, the Veterans Services Center opened its doors and has brought together a range of veterans' support services under one roof, including pre-admissions counseling, educational benefits assistance as well as a study area with computer workstations. I had the distinct honor of meeting several of these student veterans and thanking them for their service.

Notable alumni of San Francisco State include business leaders, elected officials,

award winning authors, journalists, film stars, athletes, musicians, doctors, and scientists. This list grows with every graduating class. Though the school's name, mascot, and location have all changed, San Francisco State University remains committed to public education 115 years later. Today, SF State offers more than 200 degrees and certificates and serves nearly 30,000 students each year—quite a different story when compared to the humble beginnings of the University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to commend the San Francisco State University for its dedication to higher education.

BREAUX BRIDGE LOSES KEY LEADER JOHN "JOHNNY" THOMAS RAYMOND

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to commemorate the passing of a great leader in our community who served his country as a soldier and later as a civic leader while opening numerous small businesses in South Louisiana.

John "Johnny" Thomas Raymond was a distinguished war veteran who served as a platoon leader in the Korean War and later became a member of the Army's 77th Special Forces Group. This group helped to train and reorganize the Royal Thai Army Ranger Battalion in special operations. In 2004, he was recognized as the father of the Royal Thai Army's special forces. After serving a tour in Vietnam, Johnny retired from the Army in 1968 as a lieutenant colonel. His decorated military career included receiving the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, and the Gold Star.

Johnny was instrumental in laying the foundation for numerous civic activities such as the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame & Museum in Abbeville and the Breaux Bridge Downtown Merchants Association. He was also active in the Atchafalaya Basin Board in addition to the Louisiana Boxing Commission. For many years, he served on the Louisiana Nursing Home Association Board of Directors. This year, he was chosen as King Agricole II of the Krewe de St. Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Coatney Sibley Raymond of Breaux Bridge; his son, John R. "Bobby" Raymond and his wife, DeAnna, of Owasso, OK, his daughters, Renee R. Delahoussaye and Carol Raymond both of Breaux Bridge; his grandson, John C. Raymond and his wife, Joy, of Baton Rouge and one great granddaughter, Sadie Laine Raymond; his stepsons, Barrett Reid Branch and his wife, Angel, Byron Branch and his wife, Rhonda, all of Breaux Bridge, and Beau Branch and his wife, Wendy, of Broussard, and 5 step grandchildren, Sydney Branch, Barry Branch, Deuce Hardy, Julian Branch and Tylor Guillot.

SONA METZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sona Metz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sona Metz is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sona Metz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sona Metz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN
JAMES A. WALLACE, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Councilman James (Jim) A. Wallace, Jr. for his 45 years of service to the Metuchen Fire Department. Councilman Wallace's outstanding contributions to his community are to be celebrated by the Metuchen Fire Department at its 2014 Chief's Dinner and Installation of Officers.

A lifelong resident of Metuchen, Councilman Wallace serves his community in many capacities. He was recently re-elected to his second term on the Metuchen Borough Council. In addition, Councilman Wallace served on the Metuchen Police Department for 27 years, retiring in 1992 as a sergeant.

Before joining the police force, Councilman Wallace volunteered with the Washington Hose Co. for 4 years. In 1971, he rejoined the Metuchen Fire Department with the Eagle Hook and Ladder Co. and was elected Captain a year later. He also served as treasurer, Assistant Fire Chief and Chief. In 2010, the Washington Hose Co. and the Eagle Hook and Ladder Co. merged to become the Metuchen Volunteer Fire Co. Councilman Wallace was elected treasurer of the newly formed company in 2011.

Councilman Wallace was a member of the Metuchen Fireman's Relief Association, serving as treasurer for many years, and the Middlesex County Fireman's Association, where he served as president for several years. He was also a member of the board that created the Middlesex County Fire Academy, which has trained thousands of firefighters since opening in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Councilman Wallace for his service to the Metuchen Fire Department and the greater Metuchen community. He has dutifully

served Metuchen for 45 years and his selfless commitment is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE RAINIER BEACH
HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S BASKET-
BALL TEAM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Rainier Beach High School (RBHS) men's basketball team on their invitation to the Dick's Sporting Goods High School National Tournament. This prestigious invitation is yet another example of the program's excellence and reminds us that Rainier Beach deserves a place in the upper echelon of high school basketball in our nation.

The Rainier Beach High School basketball team has played with excellence all season long, and is incredibly deserving of this opportunity. Going undefeated throughout their regular season has made them the top-ranked team in Washington State, and has given them much deserved national recognition as the basketball powerhouse that they have proven themselves to be.

Founded in 2009 to create a national championship tournament for high school basketball, the Dick's Sporting Goods tournament invites the top eight teams in the country to compete. The tournament will be broadcast on national television and the final game played in New York City's Madison Square Garden. This event is a fantastic opportunity for the RBHS Vikings to showcase their skills in front of a national audience. I am pleased that the incredible athletic prowess from the 9th District of Washington State will be recognized across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Rainier Beach Vikings on their successful season. I wish them the best of luck as they take on the top talent our country has to offer.

SIERRA SANCHEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sierra Sanchez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sierra Sanchez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sierra Sanchez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sierra Sanchez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedi-

cation and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF KILAH DAVENPORT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Kilah Davenport, a young girl from my district in North Carolina who was taken from this world much too soon.

Kilah was a young girl full of joy, laughter and love. Two years ago, when Kilah was just three-years-old, she was a victim of felony child abuse and suffered severe mental and physical damage. All of the doctors told Kilah's family that she would not survive, but she pulled through and overcame the odds stacked against her.

I had the pleasure of meeting young Kilah and her wonderful, loving family, and I was moved by their incredible strength and faith. Kilah's recovery was slow and she faced extensive physical therapy and rehab. When most people would have given up, Kilah and her family endured, becoming advocates for legislation to protect our children. Kilah inspired the state of North Carolina to pass legislation that increases sentencing punishments for five child abuse-related felonies. Tragically, on March 12, just three weeks before her 5th birthday, Kilah Davenport passed away.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013 (H.R. 3627), which guarantees that our states can address the serious problem of felony child abuse and makes certain that those who choose to harm a child suffer real and meaningful consequences. I am committed to ensuring the safety of the most innocent in our society. I support this bill that passed the House, and I encourage the Senate to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to pray for Kilah's family. I hope they can find the peace and comfort that only comes from our loving God as they go through this troubling time.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP
OF DR. TERRI H. FINKEL

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Terri H. Finkel, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Finkel serves as Chair of Pediatrics and Chief Scientific Officer at Nemours Children's Hospital in Lake Nona Medical City, Orlando, Florida, and Professor of Pediatrics and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

Dr. Finkel received both her medical degree in 1982 and a Ph.D. in biochemistry and biophysics in 1984, from Stanford University. She completed pediatric residency training at Boston Children's Hospital and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She then completed a fellowship in pediatric

rheumatology and postdoctoral training as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) fellow at the National Jewish Medical & Research Center (NJMRC). Dr. Finkel also served on the faculty at NJMRC and the University of Colorado.

In 1999, she was recruited to lead the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and to serve as the Joseph Lee Hollander Chair of Pediatric Rheumatology and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where she was later promoted to Professor of Pediatrics. At CHOP, Dr. Finkel built the Division of Rheumatology from a small group to one of the largest and most academically productive divisions of rheumatology in the country. Her trainees are currently on faculty at leading academic medical centers in the United States and abroad. In 2011, she was recruited to help lead the building of Nemours Children's Hospital, which opened in October 2012.

Dr. Finkel has devoted more than 20 years to caring for children with rheumatic diseases. U.S. News & World Report has ranked her in the top one percent of pediatric rheumatologists in the Nation for each of the past 4 years, a distinction held by only 15 physicians across the U.S.

Dr. Finkel's work has been recognized by more than 100 publications and she has received 140 invitations to speak nationally and internationally. She has nine issued patents and patents pending, and has had continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1990, with research grants totaling more than \$12 million. Among Dr. Finkel's many honors and awards are those from the American Cancer Society, American College of Rheumatology, American Foundation for AIDS Research, American Medical Association, Children's Miracle Network, Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Henry Kunkel Society, HHMI, Lupus Foundation, Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Philadelphia Magazine, State of Pennsylvania, and Gates Foundation.

A strong advocate of evidence-based medicine, Dr. Finkel's research has helped to uncover extensive genetic overlap across many pediatric autoimmune diseases. Using cutting-edge genomics, she has successfully unmasked dozens of novel risk factors common to childhood arthritis, lupus, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, immunodeficiency, thyroid disease, and psoriasis. Dr. Finkel has led studies that investigate the origins of immunodeficiency and autoimmunity in individuals with HIV infection and AIDS. Other key interests include expanding caregiver sharing of electronic medical records and exploring faster ways to deliver new therapies to patients.

In 2001, the Arthritis Foundation selected Dr. Finkel as one of 50 "Research Heroes" for her significant contributions to the field of rheumatology. In 2003, the Arthritis Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania presented the Arthritis Hero Award to Dr. Finkel for her leadership in the field of arthritis. In 2004, Dr. Finkel was awarded the University of Pennsylvania's Lady Colyton Prize for Autoimmune Research, based on her research on autoimmune disorders. In 2009, she was elected to the prestigious Henry Kunkel Society for her contributions to the fields of immunology and rheumatology.

Dr. Finkel is married to pediatric neurologist Dr. Richard Finkel. Among the Finkels' proud-

est accomplishments are their two children. Paul will graduate this year from Carnegie Mellon University with a master's degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering. Valerie is completing a master's degree in Philosophy at The New School in New York City.

I am happy to honor Dr. Terri Finkel, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and contributions to the medical community.

WORLD TB DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World TB Day and call for a continued effort to drive down rates of tuberculosis (TB) across the world and accelerate progress toward ending TB as a threat to global public health.

World TB Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about TB-related problems and solutions and to support TB-control efforts. While great strides have been made to control and cure TB, much more needs to be done to eliminate this disease.

Often believed to be a disease of the past, TB is still a life-threatening problem in the United States and around the world. Anyone can contract TB, and our current efforts to find and treat latent TB infection and TB disease are not sufficient.

We must raise awareness, enhance prevention, control, and treatment efforts, and develop new therapies to treat TB, especially for multi-drug resistant (MDR-TB) and extensively-drug resistant TB (XDR-TB).

Everyone has a role in ensuring that one day TB will be eliminated. As a co-chair of the Congressional TB Elimination Caucus and longtime advocate on this issue, I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and our partners to further the commitment to a world free of TB.

RECOGNIZING WHITE CASTLE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize White Castle, a family-owned hamburger chain based in my district, for being the creators of Time Magazine's "Most Influential Burger of All Time."

Since White Castle opened in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas, White Castle has revolutionized the fast food industry. White Castle's signature 5-holed square patty has skyrocketed the company's popularity, developed an almost-cult following of self-proclaimed 'Cravers' and resulted in White Castle becoming the first hamburger chain to sell one billion hamburgers.

A little over a decade after its first store opened, White Castle moved its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio—where it has resided for the last 80 years. This trailblazing company has provided hundreds of jobs in the great state of Ohio, as well as in Ohio's 15th Congressional District.

Today, White Castle is more than a hamburger chain. White Castle is now an experience which people from across the country and across the world travel great distances to get their hands on.

I offer my congratulations to White Castle for their years of success and their designation as having the "Most Influential Burger of All Time" by Time Magazine. Ohio's 15th District, the Buckeye State and Cravers across the nation have loved the first billion sliders and look forward to one billion more.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DONNA DOWLESS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Donna Dowless, Chairman of the XOXO Media Group. Dowless is an instrumental and creative force in her community and in the entertainment industry. She is an experienced executive and strong community leader that is goal oriented and results driven. She fosters powerful partnerships with diverse groups to cultivate positive change and create economic impact and sustainability.

Prior to starting her own Orlando-based entertainment media and arts consulting company, Ms. Dowless served as Executive Vice President of Industry Relations for Ticketmaster, a position she held for 18 years. She has over 30 years of experience in sports and live entertainment. She has directed and managed sports arenas, theaters and concert venues and worked with professional sports leagues, prominent live event producers and numerous political and presidential event directors. Ms. Dowless was recently recognized by Venues Today Magazine as one of the "Top 5 Women of Influence in the Entertainment Industry." In 2005, she was honored with a lifetime achievement award for distinguished service from the International Association of Venue Managers.

As Chairman of XOXO Media group, Dowless is dedicated to delivering results-driven programs for her arts and entertainment clients. Her specialty services range from event development, public relations, branding, and customer relations management to strategic insights for growth and sustainability. Additional services include career and business development, public speaking, mentoring and motivational programming. Her clients, who include the Ticketmaster Corporation, Atlantic Hill Music, Churchill Development, Castaneda Studios, Florida Artists Registry, Kosmo Creative Studios, and select arts and entertainment venues, have achieved great success under her direction and counsel.

Ms. Dowless is an award-winning contemporary artist creating compositions of balance and harmony which express affirmations from the heart. Her art is featured in collections worldwide. Over the years she has encountered many unique individuals and entertainers, including the Beatles, Elvis, Tina Turner, Madonna, Frank Sinatra, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen. All of these entertainment icons left her with inspiring memories that continue to stir her desire and passion to create each day. An early

1970's encounter with Andy Warhol left her with these defining words: "If you are in an artist in your heart, so be it."

Dowless currently serves on the Executive Board of the Downtown Orlando Arts District and CityArts Factory, the Executive Board of See Art Orlando, the Orange County Public Art Review Board, the Executive Board of After School All Stars, and Full Sail University's Entertainment Advisory Board. She has been an arts advocate and supporter, community leader, executive volunteer, mentor, and philanthropist for over 25 years. Because of her inspirational efforts to spread the meaningful message of love through arts and culture, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Donna as Orlando's official "Ambassador of Love" in October, 2007. Dowless' impact is sure to be seen and cherished for decades to come.

I am happy to honor Donna Dowless, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

SELECTION OF SENATOR ROBERT DOLE FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL VETERANS AWARD

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, it is my privilege to inform this House that a distinguished American statesman and patriot, Senator Robert Dole, has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 National Veterans Award.

The National Veterans Award was created in Birmingham for America's first official National Veterans Day observance November 11, 1954 as authorized by Congress and tirelessly advocated by Raymond Weeks. Each year, the award recognizes an outstanding veteran who has made the greatest contribution to veterans and veterans organizations in America.

As one of the greatest of our "Greatest Generation," Bob Dole embodies the values celebrated by this award and essential to the preservation of our freedom: duty, honor, and service to country.

Senator Dole's life story should inspire every American. As a young man, he left his home state of Kansas to answer the call of duty during World War II. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his valor in combat. As so many know, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield while leading a platoon of the 10th Mountain Division in Italy in April 1945.

Returning home, Bob Dole surmounted the challenge of physical injury and entered into a new form of service to his country: public service. He was elected to this House in 1960 and elected in 1968 to the U.S. Senate, where during his 28 years of service he earned recognition as one of the true legislative giants in the history of the chamber. He was the Republican vice-presidential candidate in 1976 and the Republican presidential candidate in 1996.

Throughout his service in elected office, Senator Dole stood as a principled voice for fiscal responsibility, free enterprise, a strong national defense and American values. He was skilled in working in a bipartisan manner on issues including hunger and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The National Veterans

Award specifically recognizes his unwavering support of our troops in the field and his commitment to ensuring quality medical care for veterans.

After leaving government service, Senator Dole accepted a new mission that will stand as an enduring and indeed monumental legacy: the construction of the National World War II Memorial on our National Mall. His leadership of the national campaign for the memorial was instrumental in bringing this long-held dream to honor those who fought on overseas battlefronts and those who contributed here at home into magnificent reality.

At the dedication ceremony on May 29, 2004, Senator Dole said, "What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war, rather it's a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys and that inspires Americans in every generation to lay down their lives for people they will never meet, for ideals that make life itself worth living."

As a congressman, I have cherished the opportunity to welcome and express gratitude to veterans brought to the World War II Memorial by Honor Flight. Senator Dole is known for coming to the memorial to meet with Honor Flight groups, and I have personally witnessed how proud and privileged veterans from Alabama have felt to be in the presence of this American hero. It is altogether appropriate that Senator Dole has been recognized with his own bronze plaque at the memorial.

Senator Dole has always been modest about the immense contributions that he has made to the good of our nation, often minimizing them with his quick wit and willingness to share credit. But his steadfast devotion to the cause of freedom towers as sure and lasting as any of the glorious monuments in our nation's capital. With the support of his lovely and accomplished wife Elizabeth, he continues to provide wise guidance and inspiration to our country.

National Veterans Day in Birmingham takes pride in being the home to the largest and longest-running commemoration of Veterans Day in the U.S. The recipient of the National Veterans Award holds a special and esteemed place in this tradition. For lifelong defense of liberty and dedication to America, Senator Robert Dole honors us by accepting the 2014 National Veterans Award in the name of the veterans across many generations who have sacrificed to keep us all free.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STEPHANIE PORTA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Stephanie Porta. Born and raised in Orlando, Florida, Stephanie has been a leader from an early age. While in middle school, she received the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadet can earn for her demonstration of successful leadership skills.

After graduating with honors from American University in Washington, DC, she worked on several campaigns until becoming Director of Central Florida ACORN and then Florida ACORN.

Stephanie left Florida ACORN in 2009 when she co-founded Organize Now! and the Florida Institute for Reform and Empowerment (FIRE). Both organizations work to address the needs of Florida's low and moderate income communities. Stephanie serves as the Executive Director for both organizations.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has worked on a variety of successful campaigns for candidates and issues, including affordable utilities, police accountability, foreclosures, environmental justice, community safety, community development, health care, and public education.

In 2012, Stephanie led the effort to pass an ordinance to allow employees in Orange County to earn sick time. When the effort was thwarted by the Orange County Commission breaking the law, the campaign called out the injustice and continued to fight for more transparency and accountability in Orange County while leading the investigation around the scandal called "Textgate" in which the Mayor and Commissioners were secretly communicating with special interest lobbyists via text messages to thwart the will of 50,000 voters.

In 2013, Stephanie was recognized by the Orlando Sentinel as an "up and comer" for its "25 Most Powerful People in Central Florida" list and was recognized as one of "12 to Watch" in Orlando Magazine's "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando" list.

Stephanie was raised by Katie Porta, a single mother who spent her lifetime advocating for the disabled and taught Stephanie from an early age to treat people with dignity. Katie raised Stephanie with the belief that "people don't want to be treated down; they want to be treated up," a mantra that has influenced Stephanie's work. Stephanie's relentless quest to achieve justice for those who have no voice in our community has been a beacon of hope and inspiration.

I am happy to honor Stephanie Porta, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF LINDA W. CHAPIN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize former Orange County Mayor Linda Chapin. A Florida native, Ms. Chapin holds a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. Ms. Chapin served as the first elected mayor of Orange County, Florida, from 1990–1998.

After leaving office, she joined the University of Central Florida where she founded the Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies, which focuses on issues facing the region such as growth, the environment, and transportation. Today she serves on a number of civic and community boards, and is Chairman of the Orlando Health Board of Directors.

As Orange County Mayor, Ms. Chapin took a strong role in promoting business and industry in Central Florida by developing an economic action agenda that included annual regional economic summits; incentives for high-technology companies; and trade missions to Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Under her

leadership, Orange County was the first county in Florida to mandate that attention to economic development be included in its local comprehensive plan. In 2004, she became the first woman to receive the James B. Greene Economic Development Award from the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission.

Ms. Chapin's tenure in public office also included the construction of the nation's second-largest convention center, a new courthouse, the Regional History Center, fifteen new parks and recreational trails, and the purchase of over twelve thousand acres of environmentally sensitive lands. In an effort to work with citizens to redevelop historically neglected neighborhoods, Ms. Chapin began the Targeted Community Initiative. President Clinton awarded the Initiative the 1997 Public Service Excellence Award for the best local government program in the country. At the conclusion of her final term in elected office, the Orlando Sentinel described Ms. Chapin as "a model of integrity and character."

In 1999, the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University named Ms. Chapin Distinguished Alumni of the Year, and the University of Central Florida awarded her an honorary doctoral degree. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center, the Trust for Public Lands, and myregion.org. A committed proponent of citizen involvement and the need to build social capital and confidence in public decision-making, Ms. Chapin has published articles in the National Civic Review and other social policy journals.

I am happy to honor Linda Chapin, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LANDRA ROBESON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Landra Robeson. Raised by "super voters," Landra understood the strength of the vote at a very young age. She gravitated towards C-SPAN and National Public Radio when most people her age found it boring and insignificant.

After graduating from college, Landra spent many years in the workforce serving in managerial roles for staffing, telecommunications and banking companies. Even though she had succeeded financially in these positions and had the opportunity to mentor both men and women, she felt something was lacking.

Her fate changed when she was afforded the opportunity to serve as a Legislative Aide for then State Representative, and now State Senator, Geraldine Thompson. She came to discover that no role was more significant than that of a public servant. The gratification that came from assisting constituents with unemployment claims, child support and a myriad of other issues was incomparable to any bonus she had ever received from her previous professional positions.

Landra's position as a Legislative Aide also provided the opportunity for her to work with

students from the University of Central Florida (UCF) through their Legislative Scholars Program. Her former students recognized Landra's dedication to mentorship by honoring her as UCF's first "Legislative Scholars Mentor."

During Women's History Month, Landra is grateful for her grandmother Roxy, who she never had the pleasure of meeting, because she lost her battle with cancer at a young age. Roxy raised Landra's mother Doris Wormack, who helped Landra understand that she could make a difference by participating in the political process through the simple act of voting. Like her parents, Landra is a super voter.

I am happy to honor Landra Robeson, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 26

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy.

SD-106

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine if alternative financial products are serving consumers.

SD-538

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening public-private partnerships to reduce cyber risks to our nation's critical infrastructure.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of, "The Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act".

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine unwinding quantitative easing, focusing on how the Fed should promote stable prices, economic growth, and job creation.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine preventing Medicare fraud, focusing on the best way to protect seniors and taxpayers.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine protecting personal consumer information from cyber attacks and data breaches.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Syria after Geneva, focusing on the next steps for United States policy.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Tribal Programs.

SD-628

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings to examine America's addiction to opioids, focusing on heroin and prescription drug abuse.

SD-192

MARCH 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on state and local perspectives on transportation priorities and funding.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 11:15 a.m.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for borrowers.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be

Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on African Affairs

To hold hearings to examine powering Africa's future, focusing on the Power Africa Initiative.

SD-419

1 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on the highs and lows in United States-Russia relations.

RHOB-2103

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action

To hold hearings to examine access to justice for those who serve.

SD-226

MARCH 31

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine creating a 21st century government part II, focusing on outside views.

SD-342

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine Caterpillar's offshore tax strategy.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-222

APRIL 2

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year

2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-562

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, S. 1570, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and an original bill entitled, "The Native American Children's Safety Act".

SD-628

APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

APRIL 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

<p>11 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222</p> <p>2 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the pro-</p>	<p>posed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50</p> <p>5 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 21</p> <p>10 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel Business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SD-G50</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 23</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015. SR-222</p>
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